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SUBJ: POSSIBLE VISIT BY UNSYG MORSE TO CHILE

1. IN CALL ON AMB. BENNETT JAN. 17, CHILEAN PERMREP BAZAN SAID THAT SYG WALDHEIM HAD RECENTLY ASKED HIM WHETHER GOC WOULD BE WILLING TO PERMIT WALDHEIM TO DISPATCH PERSONAL EMISSARY TO CHILE TO GATHER INFORMATION ON "HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION" THERE. ACCORDING TO BAZAN, WALDHEIM SAID HE UNDER CONTINUOUS PRESSURE FROM HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS TO LOOK INTO SITUATION IN CHILE AND THEREFORE WISHED TO ARM HIMSELF WITH "FACTS" OF CHILEAN SITUATION. WALDHEIM THEN TOLD BAZAN THAT IF GOC AMENABLE TO RECEIVING UN EMISSARY, WALDHEIM WOULD SEND UN UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL BRADFORD MORSE.

2. BAZAN SAID THAT HE HAD REPORTED WALDHEIM'S APPROACH BUT HAD NOTED THAT GOC HAS HAD OPEN POLICY OF RECEIVING ALL WHO WISH TO SEE CHILEAN SITUATION FIRSTHAND AND SAID HE RECEIVED NO RESPONSE YET FROM GOC. BAZAN HAS RECOMMENDED TO GOC THAT SYG'S EMISSARY SHOULD BE "INVITED" TO CHILE. BAZAN UNDERSTANDS THAT UN, IN ANNOUNCING TRIP, WOULD NOT REFER TO ANY REPORT AND THAT REPORT WOULD BE MADE PERSONALLY AND CONFIDENTIALLY TO WALDHEIM.

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3. BAZAN ASKED BENNETT FOR HIS EVALUATION OF MORSE.

BENNETT EXPRESSED HIGH PERSONAL OPINION OF MORSE AND
CAMMENTED THAT MORSE WAS DISPASSIONATE AND OBJECTIVE
INDIVIDUAL, WIDELY RESPECTED IN AND OUT OF USG. BAZAN
INDICATED THAT HE HAD HEARD SIMILAR HIGH PRAISE OF MORSE
FROM FORMER AMBASSADOR KORRY. AMBASSADOR BENNETT
EMPHASIZED DECISION ON INVITATION OF MORSE WAS ONE FOR
CHILEAN GOVERNMENT TO MAKE, AND OBSERVED THAT HE COULD
NOT, OF COURSE, PREDICT WHAT CONCLUSIONS MORSE WOULD
REACH IF HE DOES VISIT CHILE. BAZAN ADMITTED RUEFULLY
THAT GOC WOULD RUN CERTAIN RISK IN INVITING INDIVIDUAL
WITH SUCH WELL KNOWN REPUTATION FOR OBJECTIVITY; IF
MORSE'S CONCLUSIONS FAVORABLE TO GOC, THEY COULD CERTAINLY
ENHANCE CHILE'S REPUTATION INTERNATIONALLY AND PROVIDE
GOC WITH GOOD DEFENSE BASE. ON OTHER HAND, CRITICISM BY
MORSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHILE WOULD BE
EXTREMELY DAMAGING TO GOC.
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